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SUBJECT: CSCE: UK VIEWS ON RESERVATION ON FOUR POWER
RIGHTS

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1. UK EMBOFF INFORMED US JUNE 29 THAT THE FCO IN LONDON
WAS OF THE FIRM VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR
THE ALLIES TO MAKE A STATEMENT OF RESERVATION ON FOUR
POWER RIGHTS DURING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CSCE DISCUS-
SIONS. UK REP SAID THAT LONDON ARGUED THAT THE ALLIED
MINISTERS WOULD BE ONLY MAKING GENERAL STATEMENTS AT
THAT STAGE, AND WOULD NOT BE ENGAGED IN DRAFTING TEXTS.
UK REP SAID THAT THE FCO INDICATED THAT IT MIGHT TAKE A
MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION ON THE MATTER OF THE RESERVATION
OF FOUR POWER RIGHTS, PERHAPS TOWARD THE END OF THE
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FIRST STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS OR EVEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT STAGE, WHEN THE PROPOSED DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES WOULD PRESUMABLY BE NEARER TO COMPLETION.

2. US REP SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT FELT THAT HANDLING THE MATTER AT THE INITIAL STAGE WAS APT TO CAUSE LESS CONTROVERSY AND HE THEREFORE ASKED THAT THE UK RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. UK REP SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE FCO'S POSITION WAS SO FIRM AT THIS POINT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RECONSIDERATION GIVEN TO INCLUSION OF THE STATEMENT ON ALLIED RIGHTS IN SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME'S OPENING STATEMENT. US REP UNDERTOOK TO REPORT UK VIEWS ON AN URGENT BASIS.

3. COMMENT: THE UK POSITION SEEMS FAIRLY CLOSE TO THAT OF THE FRENCH. WE UNDERSTAND FROM PARIS THAT THE FRENCH ARE ALSO OF THE VIEW THAT NO ALLIED STATEMENT OF RESERVATION SHOULD BE MADE AT THE OPENING STAGE OF THE CSCE NEXT WEEK. WE NOW SEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF OUR TWO ALLIES MAKING THE SORT OF STATEMENT WE DESIRE AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING IN GENEVA OR EVEN AGREEING TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE US STATEMENT.
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